IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE, ANDHRA PRADESH
AT HYDERABAD

(Special Original Jurisdiction)

THURSDAY, THE FIFTH DAY OF JANUARY
TWO THOUSAND AND SIX

PRESENT

THE HON'BLE MR JUSTICE V.ESWARAIAH

WRIT PETITION No. 393 of 2006

Between:

V. Hymavathi and another

..... PETITIONERS

AND

Deputy Engineer (Operations)

O/o. Divisional Electrical Engineer,
Guntur, Guntur District and another

.....RESPONDENTS

ORDER:

Seeking a Mandamus, directing the respondents to provide streetlights and domestic electricity connections to the S.T.Colony, Sai Nagaram, Old Guntur, Guntur, Guntur District to avoid danger to their lives from the deadly poisonous snakes, the writ petition is filed.

Heard the learned counsel for the petitioners and the learned counsels for the 1st and 2nd respondents.

The petitioners submit that they are the residents of S.T.Colony of Sai Nagaram, Old Guntur, Guntur Town and District and the said colony is adjacent to the main town and merged into the main town. All the people of the colony are very poor and economically backward classes and since last 7 to 8 years they are living there. All of them purchased plots under registered sale deeds and constructed houses and the municipal authorities also granted plot numbers and collecting taxes. It is stated that once the municipal authorities collecting taxes, it is the duty of the municipal authorities to provide minimum civic amenities such as electricity lines, street lamps, drainage etc. It is stated that the residents of the said colony made a representation before the 1st respondent on 18.11.2005 requesting to provide streetlights as one of the colony person also died because of snakebite.

The learned counsel for the 1st respondent submits that it is the duty of the Municipal Corporation to develop the residential areas uniformly by providing drainage, street lights etc. who are paying taxes. If that be so, the petitioners have to make a representation before the 2nd respondent also, and if any such application is filed, the respondents may consider and dispose of the same, in accordance with law.

With the above observations, the Writ Petition is disposed of. No order as to costs.

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V.ESWARAIAH,J

Dated: 05.01.2006

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